

HOOD CANAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 404
Mason County, Washington
September 1, 1991 Through August 31, 1993

Schedule Of Findings

1. Hood Canal School District Should Pay Shelton School District Amount Due For Educating High School Pupils

Hood Canal School District does not have a high school. In order to meet its high school education requirements the district's high school students are sent to the Shelton School District.

In reference to the obligation of nonhigh school districts to compensate high school districts for costs of educating its students, *Revised Code of Washington (RCW)* 28A.545.070 states in part:

... (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually determine the estimated amount due by a nonhigh school district to a high school district for the school year

RCW 28A.545.080 states in part:

... The estimated amounts due by nonhigh school districts . . . shall be paid in two installments. During the month of May of the school year for which the amount is due, each nonhigh school district shall pay to each high school district fifty percent of the total estimated amount due to the high school district for the school year as determined by the superintendent of public instruction . . . the remaining fifty percent shall be paid by each nonhigh school district to each high school district during the following November

For the 1990-91 school year the Superintendent of Public Instruction determined that Hood Canal School District owed the Shelton School District \$69,235.82.

At the time payments were due for the students attending the high school, an issue involving federal impact aid funding arose. Payment was withheld by Hood Canal School District pending resolution of the federal question. As of July 22, 1994, payment had still not been made. Payments for current obligations, however, are being made by Hood Canal School District.

We recommend that Hood Canal School District pay the amount due the Shelton School District as determined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.